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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: MURAMATSU et al.

Attorney Docket No.: KASAP008

Application No.: 09/991,133

Examiner: NGUYEN, Xuan Lan T.

Filed: November 16, 2001

Group: 3683

Title: PNEUMATICALLY OPERATED
ACTIVE VIBRATION DAMPING DEVICE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	20	MINUS	20	0	x 9 =	x 18 = \$-0-
Independent Claims	1	MINUS	3	0	x 42 =	x 84 = \$-0-
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
Total					\$	\$-0-

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. KASAP008).
- ☐ Enclosed is our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. KASAP008).

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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2002, please consider the following:

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Muramatsu (US 5,170,998). Regarding claim 1, the Examiner stated that Muramatsu shows a pneumatically operated active vibration damping device, as in the present invention, comprising a first and a second mounting members 16, 22; an elastic body 14 partially defining a pressure receiving chamber 34; an easily deformable flexible diaphragm 58 partially defining an equilibrium chamber 60; a first orifice passage 68; an elastic oscillating plate 40